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SUBJ: FOREIGN MINISTER ALLON'S VISIT TO MEXICO

REF: MEXICO 1562

1. IN CONVERSATION FEB 12 MFA DEPUTY DIRECTOR EVRON TOLD ME THAT FONMIN ALLON WOULD VISIT MEXICO AND COSTA RICA EARLY NEXT MONTH. A COORDINATED ANNOUNCEMENT WAS CURRENTLY BEING WORKED OUT.

2. ALLON, WHO WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY EVRON, WILL BE IN MIAMI BEACH FEB 28 WHERE HE WILL BE THE PRINCIPAL SPEAKER AT THE ANNUAL ISRAEL BONDS RALLY. HE WILL DEPART FOR MEXICO THE FOLLOWING DAY.

3. IN ADDITION TO THE GODWILL ASPECT OF THE VISIT-WHICH WILL HOPEFULLY CAP THE CONTROVERSY WHICH BEGAN WITH MEXICO'S ANTI-ZIONISM VOTE-THERE ARE SEVERAL BILATERAL ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION. EVRON CONFIRMED THAT THE GOM IS INTERESTED IN PURCHASING MORE ARAVA STOL AIRCRAFT (REFTEL) AND SAID THAT CONSIDERATION WAS ALSO BEING GIVEN TO A JOINT VENTURE IN PETROCHEMICALS. ALLONG WILL RAISE CIVIL AVIATION ISSUE AGAIN. EL AL'S INTEREST IN OBTAINING LANDING RIGHTS IN MEXICO CITY WAS DISCUSSED WHEN EX-FOREIGN MINISTER RABASA WAS IN ISRAEL BUT NO AGREEMENT WAS REACHED. EVRON ADMITTED THAT THERE WAS  
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NO MEXICAN INTEREST IN OBTAINING LANDING RIGHTS IN ISRAEL,

AND HE DID NOT INDICATE ANY OTHER DEMAND THE MEXICANS MIGHT MAKE IN EXCHANGE FOR CONCEDING LANDING RIGHTS TO EL AL.

4. AS A GENERAL COMMENT, EVRON ADDED THAT ISRAELI-MEXICAN RELATIONS SEEM TO BE RETURNING TO THEIR USUAL FRIENDLY STATE. IN THAT CONNECTION, HE SAID THAT THE ISRAELI EMBASSY IN MANIAL HAD REPORTED THAT AT THE RECENT GROUP OF 77 MEETING THERE MEXICO HAD BEEN ACTIVE IN OPPOSING AN ANTI-ZIONISM MOTION FOR THE AGENDA.

5. IN ANSWER TO A QUESTION IN THE KNESSET YESTERDAY, ALLON SAID THAT BILATERAL RELATIONS BETWEEN ISRAEL AND MEXICO HAVE CONSIDERABLY IMPROVED SINCE THE INCIDENT OF MEXICO'S ANTI-ZIONISM VOTE HAD BEEN "SATISFACTORILY CLEARED UP". THIS IMPROVEMENT COVERED ECONOMIC, CULTURAL, SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION SPHERES. ALLON DID CONCEDE, IN REPLY TO A SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION, THAT AT THE TIME THE FOREIGN MINISTRY HAD NOT MOVED FAST ENOUGH IN GETTING WORD TO THE MEDIA EXPLAINING THE UNDERSTANDING ISRAEL HAD REACHED WITH MEXICO ABOUT MEXICO'S VOTING PATTERN.

6. COSTA RICA. FOLLOWING THE VISIT TO MEXICO, ALLON WILL PROCEED ON A VISIT TO COSTA RICA. WHILE THERE, ALLON WILL CHAIR A CHIEFS OF MISSION MEETING FOR ISRAELI AMBASSADORS IN THE AREA. DUNNIGAN

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